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SUBJECT: MOTION PICTURES: VISIT OF MPEAA OFFICIAL

MARC SPIEGEL

1. THE MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. (MPEAA) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CAIRO OF MPEAA VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDITERRANEAN AREA, MARC SPIEGEL. SPIEGEL ARRIVING JANUARY 2 AND WILL BE STAYING AT THE SHERATON HOTEL. ASSOCIATION HAS ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH VARIOUS MINISTERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 7, 8 AND 9.
2. MPEAA STATES THAT PROBLEMS WHICH SPIEGEL PLANS TO TAKE UP WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDE THEATER BOOKING PRACTICES WHICH ARE HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY AND DAMAGING TO IMPORTED FILMS AND GOVERNMENT REFUSAL TO ALLOW ANY REMITTANCES (COMPANY REMITTANCES ARE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS IN ARREARS).
3. SPIEGEL PLANS TO CONTACT EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE UPON ARRIVAL. MPEAA HAS REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR BE ADVISED OF SPIEGEL'S PLANNED VISIT. KISSINGER

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